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Psidium friedrichsthalianum

[Synonyms : *Calyptropsidium friedrichsthalianum*, *Psidium laurifolium*]

COSTA RICAN GUAVA is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Central America it has small, fragrant white flowers with over 300 stamens.

It is also known as *Arrayan* (Salvadoran), *Cas ácida* (Costa Rican), *Cas guava*, *Costa Rica guava*, *Guayaba* (Nicaraguan), *Guayaba ácida* (Guatemalan), *Guayaba agria* (Colombian), *Guayaba de agua* (Panamanian), *Guayaba de danto* (Honduran), *Guayaba del Choco* (Ecuadorean), *Guayaba montes* (Mexican), *Sour guava*, and *Wild guava*.

Although rarely eaten raw because of their extremely acid taste, the small yellow fruit have been used to prepare preserves, pies and jam – and have also provided a flavouring for soft drinks.

Occasionally it has been cultivated.

Since its introduction to south-eastern Asia authorities on that region have noted that it is primarily valued there for its edible fruit.